103D CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 1391

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 1993

Mr. Defazio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. LIMITATION OF PURPOSES FOR WHICH AIR-
- 4 BORNE HUNTING AUTHORIZED; REPORTS.
- 5 (a) Limitation of Authorized Purposes of Air-
- 6 BORNE HUNTING.—Section 13(b)(1) of the Fish and
- 7 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742j-1(b)(1)) is amended
- B by striking "wildlife," and inserting "a native species of
- 9 wildlife that is included in a list of endangered species or

- 1 threatened species published under section 4(c) of the En-
- 2 dangered Species Act of 1973,".
- 3 (b) REPORTING BY STATES.—Section 13(b) of the
- 4 Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742j-1(b)) is
- 5 amended by adding at the end the following:
- 6 ''(3)(A) A State proposing to authorize a person, pur-
- 7 suant to paragraph (1), to perform an act that is other-
- 8 wise prohibited by subsection (a)(1) shall submit to the
- 9 Secretary of the Interior a report which contains the infor-
- 10 mation described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of
- 11 paragraph (2) with respect to the license or permit, if the
- 12 act—
- 13 "(i) will be performed for the purpose of admin-
- istering or protecting a native species of wildlife that
- is included in a list of endangered species or threat-
- ened species published under section 4(c) of the En-
- dangered Species Act of 1973; or
- 18 "(ii) affects lands or other resources adminis-
- tered by the Bureau of Land Management or the
- 20 National Park Service.
- 21 "(B) A State shall submit a report required by this
- 22 paragraph before the 90-day period ending on the date
- 23 on which the State authorizes the action (or in the case
- 24 of a license or permit, issues the license or permit) to
- 25 which the report relates.".

(c) Reporting by Secretary of the Interior.— 1 Section 13(b) of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742j-1(b)) is further amended by adding after paragraph (3) (as added by subsection (b) of this section) the following: "(4)(A) If the Secretary of the Interior receives a re-6 port from a State under paragraph (3) regarding a proposed authorization, the Secretary shall submit to the 8 Committees on Natural Resources and Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives and to the 10 Senate a report describing whether or not the acts pro-11 posed to be authorized by the State— "(i) may be authorized by the State pursuant to 13 subsection (b); or 14 "(ii) affect lands or other resources adminis-15 tered by the Bureau of Land Management or the 16 17 National Park Service. 18 "(B) The Secretary of the Interior shall submit a report under this paragraph before the end of the 30-day 19 period beginning on the date the Secretary receives a re-

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port from a State under paragraph (3).".